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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR OPERATING A DRIVE UNIT**, and the specification of which:

[ ] is attached hereto;

[ ] was filed as United States Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ and was amended by the Preliminary Amendment filed on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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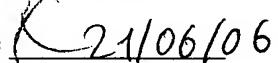
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